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PART 3

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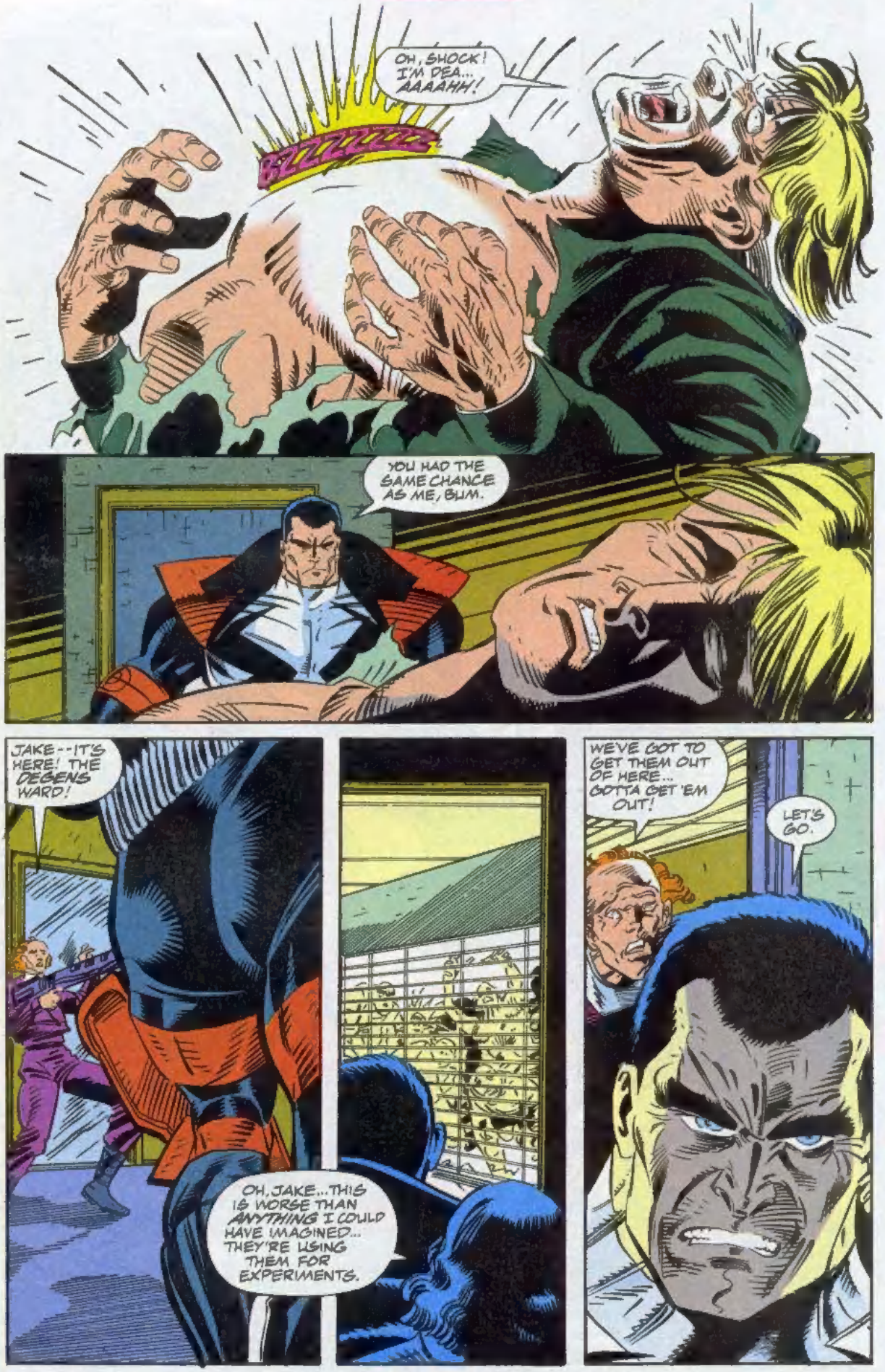
AUGHH!
A SMART BALLISTIC... THAT PENETRATES THE FLESH AND MAKES ITS WAY ALONG THE BLOOD VESSELS TO THE HEART!
SHOCK IT! NEEDLE GUN! WITH BULLETS TINY ENOUGH TO PENETRATE MY ARMOR...!
ZZ ZZZ BZZZZ
BZZZZZZZ
IT'S TRACKING THROUGH MY VEINS...!
GOING FOR MY HEART...!
BZZZZZZZZ

CAN SEE IT WORKING ITS WAY THROUGH THE FLESH... JUST BELOW THE SKIN...
FOUR SECONDS TO STOP IT...!
BLAM
GOTTA DO IT...
GOTTA... BITE THE BULLET!
BZZZZZZ
GNARR
RIPPED IT OUT!
BZZZZZZ
THAT HURT.
TOOF
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED A NEEDLE GUN...

I COULD GO STRAIGHT FOR HIS HEART... BUT I'LL GIVE HIM THE SAME CHANCE I HAD.
BZZZZZ
NO! NEEDLE BULLET...
BZZZZZZ
BZZZZZZ
...GOING UP MY LEG...!
GOT TO CUT IT OUT...
BNNNNN
JUST ONE SLASH!
NO... CAN'T DO IT...
GOING UNDER MY RIB CAGE... TOO LATE...!
BZZZZZZ

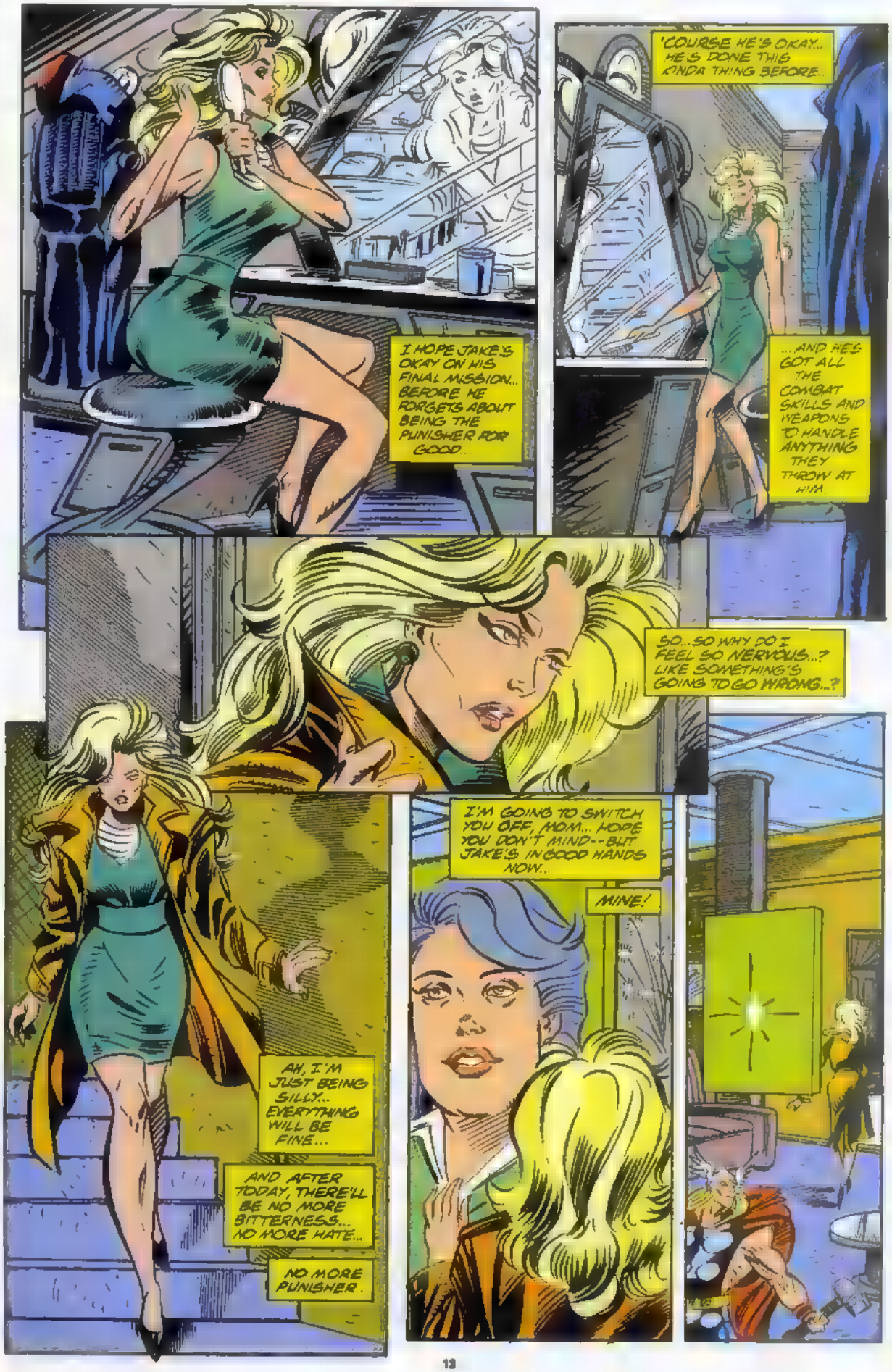

OH, SHOCK! I'M DEA... AAAAHH!
BZZZZZZ
YOU HAD THE SAME CHANCE AS ME, BUM.
JAKE--IT'S HERE! THE DEGENS WARD!
OH, JAKE...THIS IS WORSE THAN ANYTHING I COULD HAVE IMAGINED... THEY'RE USING THEM FOR EXPERIMENTS.
WE'VE GOT TO GET THEM OUT OF HERE... GOTTA GET 'EM OUT!
LET'S GO.

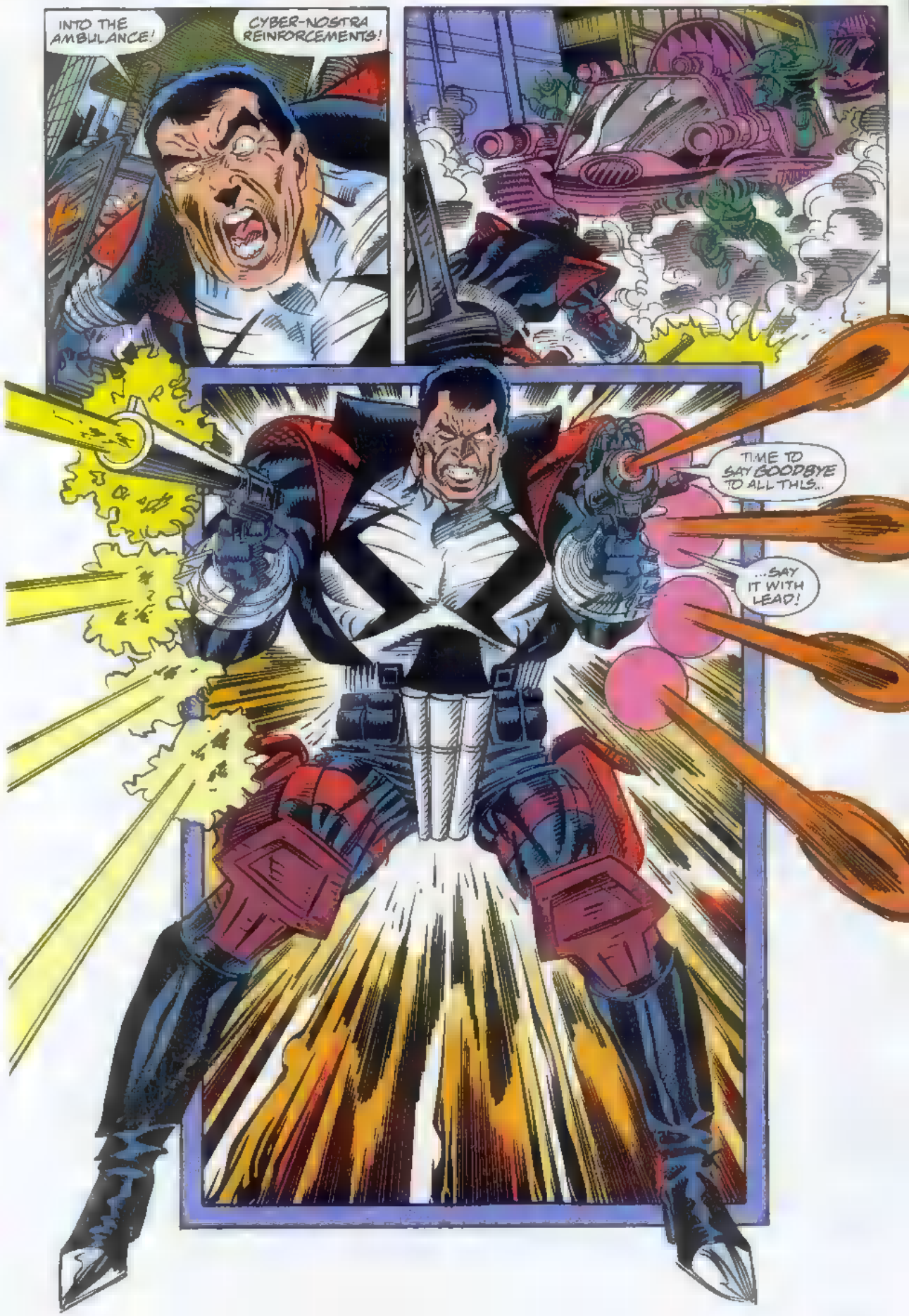
C'MON, FELLAS, WE'LL SOON HAVE YOU OUT OF THESE CAGES... TAKE YOU BACK TO MY SANCTUARY.
GO! GO! GO!
WHOOP!
THE PUNISHER'S HERE... BRING YOUR MEN IN FAST...
EMERGENCY C-X GAS
I'LL TURN ON THE CX GAS-- TERMINATE THE DEGENS...
HSSSSSSS
WHOOOO...?

GAS! MASKS ON!
GAAAKKK!
CHOKE!
HERE-- TAKE MY MASK...
LUNGS BURSTING... BUT MUST HELP THIS GUY TO SAFETY...

MORE GUARDS! GET DOWN! I'LL TAKE THEM OUT...
RECEPTION
NO...
...WE TAKE OUT!
GROWWWL!
KILL! KILL!

SOMEONE DO SOMETHING! THE SICKOS HAVE ESCAPED!
I COULDN'T HAVE WISHED FOR A BETTER FINAL HIT. THIS FEELS GOOD..
MEEEP!
WHOOP!
AHHH!
NOOO!
AND YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN GIVE IT UP? GIVE UP BEING THE PUNISHER?
SURE. YOU'VE NO IDEA THE DIFFERENCE KERRY'S MADE TO ME.
C'MON, FELLAS--I'LL GIVE YOU A RIDE TO MATT'S SANCTUARY.
YOUR PERSONALITY CAN'T MAKE A "U"-TURN OVERNIGHT, JAKE...
YOU NEED THE RUSH...THE ADRENALINE... THE HIT...
JUST WATCH ME, MATT...
FROM NOW ON, KERRY'S ALL I NEED...


I HOPE JAKE'S OKAY ON HIS FINAL MISSION... BEFORE HE FORGETS ABOUT BEING THE PUNISHER FOR GOOD...
'COURSE HE'S OKAY... HE'S DONE THIS KINDA THING BEFORE...
...AND HE'S GOT ALL THE COMBAT SKILLS AND WEAPONS TO HANDLE ANYTHING THEY THROW AT HIM.
SO...SO WHY DO I FEEL SO NERVOUS...? LIKE SOMETHING'S GOING TO GO WRONG...?
I'M GOING TO SWITCH YOU OFF, MOM... HOPE YOU DON'T MIND--BUT JAKE'S IN GOOD HANDS NOW..
MINE!
AH, I'M JUST BEING SILLY... EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE...
AND AFTER TODAY, THERE'LL BE NO MORE BITTERNESS... NO MORE HATE...
NO MORE PUNISHER.


INTO THE AMBULANCE!
CYBER-NOSTRA REINFORCEMENTS!
TIME TO SAY GOODBYE TO ALL THIS..
...SAY IT WITH LEAD!

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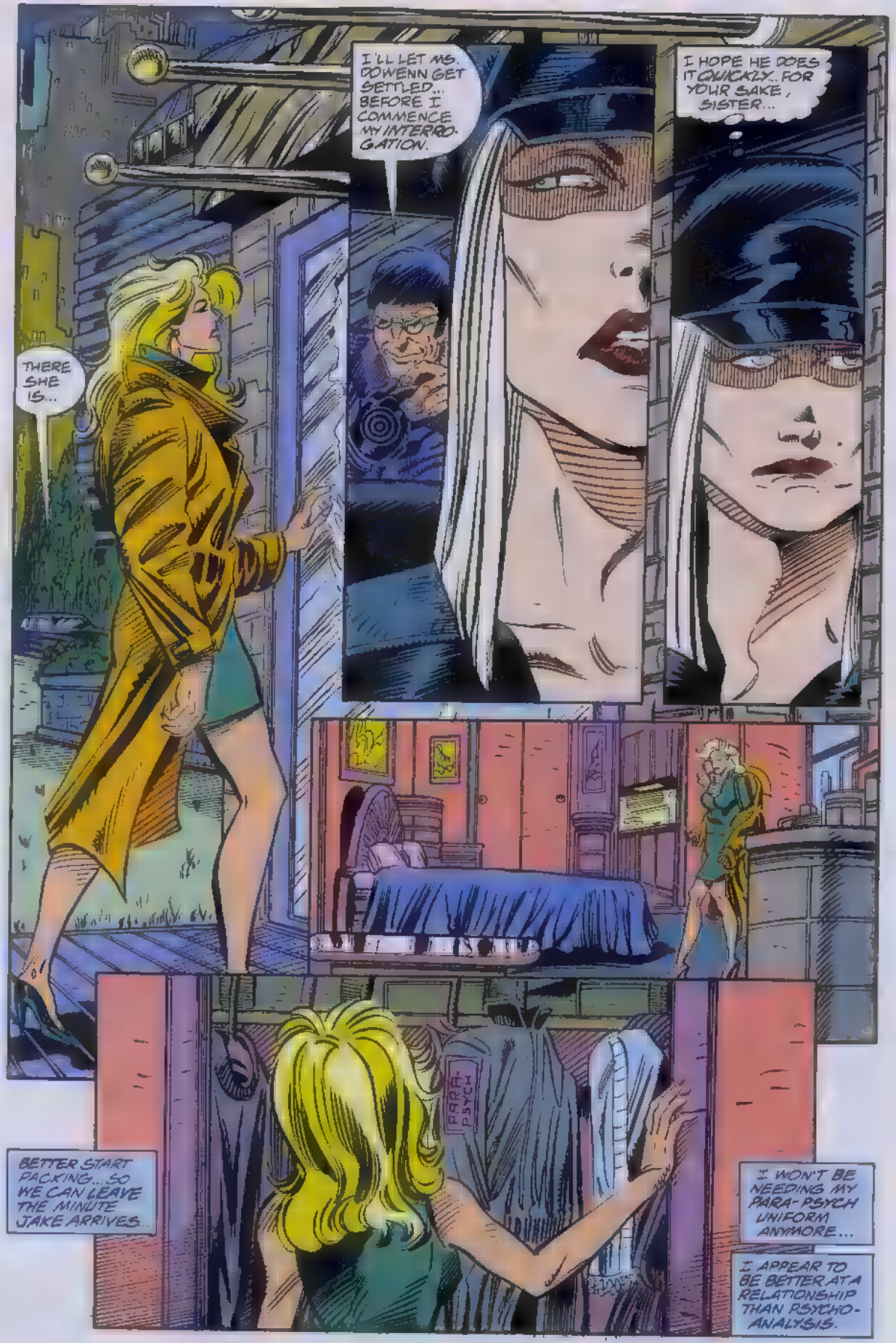
THESE GUYS JUST DON'T GIVE UP...
WELL, I KNOW WHEN I'VE HAD ENOUGH...
THINK OF THIS AS MY RETIREMENT PRESENT!

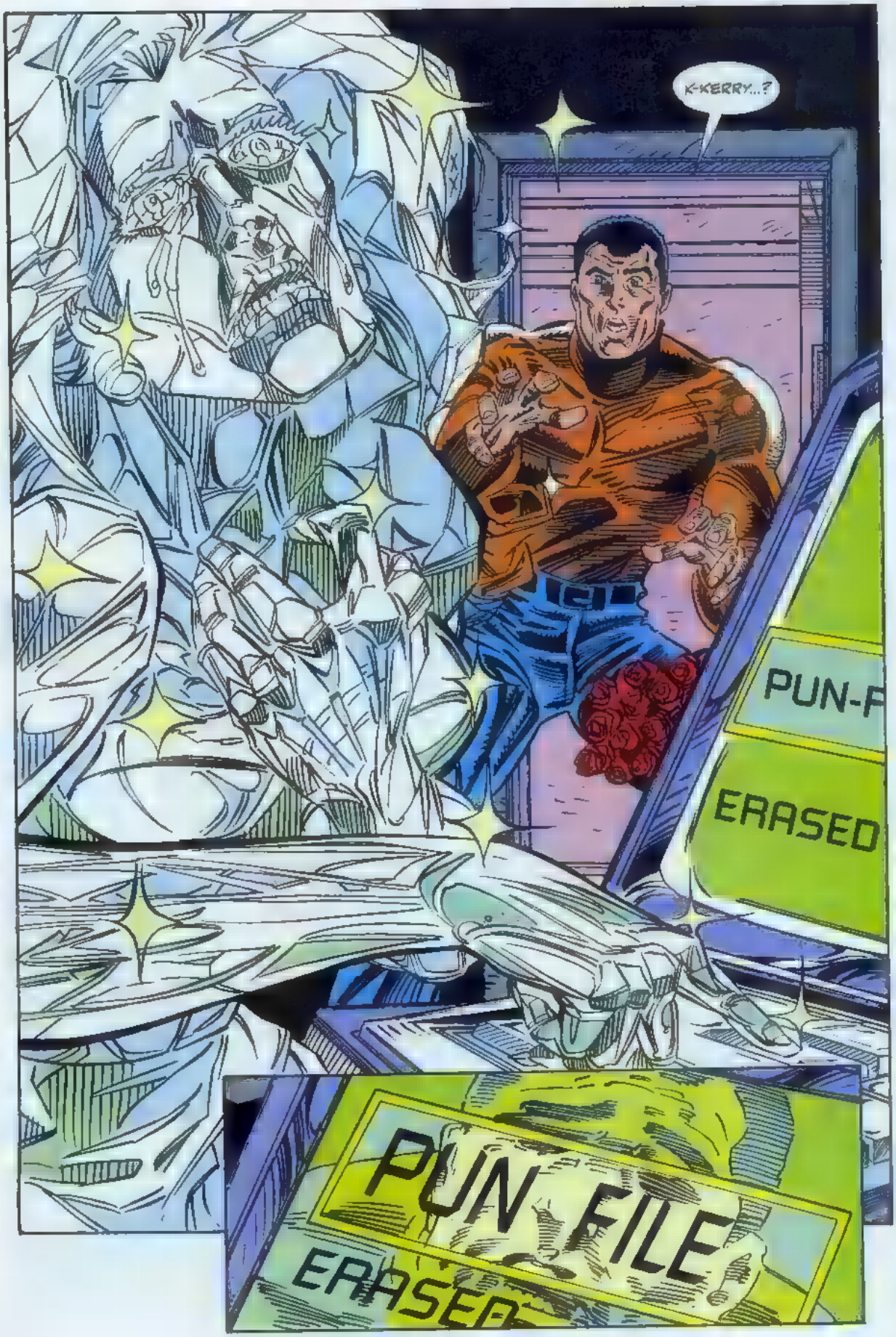

THERE SHE IS...
I'LL LET MS. DOWENN GET SETTLED... BEFORE I COMMENCE MY INTERRO-GATION.
I HOPE HE DOES IT QUICKLY.. FOR YOUR SAKE, SISTER...
PARA PSYCH
BETTER START PACKING...SO WE CAN LEAVE THE MINUTE JAKE ARRIVES.
I WON'T BE NEEDING MY PARA-PSYCH UNIFORM ANYMORE...
I APPEAR TO BE BETTER AT A RELATIONSHIP THAN PSYCHO-ANALYSIS.

TALKING OF PSYCHO-ANALYSIS, I'VE CLEANED MY FILE ON THE PUNISHER AT H.Q. ...
BUT I'VE STILL GOT A COPY ON MY P.C.
THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN A BAD MISTAKE.
PUNISHER FILE:
SUSPECT LIST AND CONCLUSION
Facts demonstrating that my colleague JAKE GALLOWS is 'The Punisher' are irrefutable. Evidence for my theory as follows:
ENTER
PHEW! GOOD THING NO ONE ELSE WILL EVER SEE THIS..!
PUN-FILE ERASE
CONFIRM COMMAND:
YES/NO
YES
KLUNK
HONEY..? IS THAT YOU...?

I'M JUST ABOUT TO ERASE THE PUNISHER FILE... COME UP AND WE'LL PRESS THE BUTTON TOGETHER.
STOP..! PRESS THAT BUTTON, AND YOU'RE DEAD..!
LOOK, MISTER, YOU'D BETTER UNDERSTAND YOU'RE DEALING WITH AN OFFICER OF THE PUBLIC EYE!
CONFIRM COMMAND?
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE OR WHAT YOU'RE AFTER, BUT--
I AM THE MAN WHO WILL KILL YOU IF YOU PRESS THAT BUTTON...
WHAT'S IT TO YOU..?
THE IDENTITY OF THE PUNISHER IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO ME...
AND WHEN YOU KNOW IT...?
...AND GIVE YOU A LOT OF MONEY IF YOU DON'T.
THEN HE'S DEAD.. AS YOU WILL BE IF YOU DON'T STEP AWAY FROM THAT CONSOLE!

MS. DOWENN, I WILL CERTAINLY KILL YOU IF YOU PRESS THAT BUTTON...
'BYE, 'BYE, BABY...
I LOVE YOU...
PUN-FILE ERASING
DROP ME OFF HERE, MATT.
KERRY AND I WILL CALL ROUND LATER TO SAY OUR FAREWELLS...
GET THE SHOCK OUT OF HERE, MAN... WE'LL HAVE US A PARTY...!
IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU SO HAPPY... YOU GUYS DESERVE A BREAK.
THANKS, MATT... IT'S GOOD TO HAVE FRIENDS...

AH... DOOR'S OPEN... NOT LIKE KERRY.
MS. KERRY DOWENN
BABY-- I'M HOME...!
EVERYTHING WENT GREAT!
WHERE ARE YOU...?
KERRY...?


K-KERRY...?
PUN-F
ERASED
PUN-FILE
ERASED

YOU DIED TO SAVE ME... YOU DIED FOR ME... NO, KERRY... NO...!
KRRRH
NO!!
KRASH
PUN-FILE
ERASED
WOOOOOO!

BULLPEN BULLETINS

MARVEL COMICS

Selde presents Marvel's president Terry Stewart with for Distinguished Service in appreciation of Marvel's Children's Fund.

No one loves kids than we do, why year raised hundreds thousands of dollars UNICEF with the special release SPIDER-MAN: TRIAL OF VENOM comic book, money which marked to improve the lives children in 127 countries. (Though it didn't improve Venom's life much, we might add!)

The comic was a mega-success UNICEF has awarded Marvel's president, **Terry Stewart** (in photo, right), with the 1993 President's Award for Distinguished Service. UNICEF chairman **Bruce** (in photo, left) praised "extraordinary commitment to world's children."

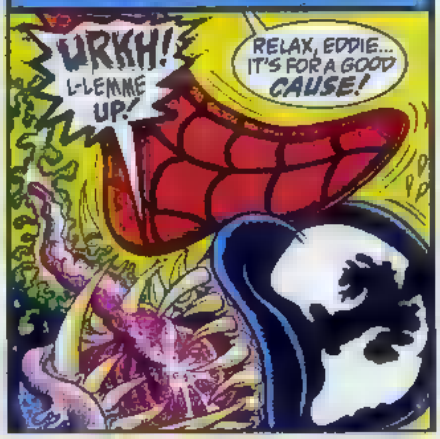
President Terry was floored by "outpouring of support we received from our readers," adding, "Thou- responded generously proved how people work in concert to make the world a healthier and more hopeful place for children everywhere."

While we're on subject, there plenty of healthy happy children in South now that they have completed painting two mega-heroic murals of Spider-Man and the Hulk that will permanently adorn the exterior of St. Mary's recreation center. St. Mary's is multi-purpose facility the New York City Department Parks Recreation provides a for neighborhood youth — like Professor X's mansion!

The murals designed painted by members St. Mary's art team, a children's visual arts program made possible in part by a grant from your favorite number one comics company. The murals officially on June 10 by Parks and Recreation Commissioner **Betsy Gotbaum** with assist by Spider-Man and dozens of future Marveloids from South Bronx.

Here at Marvel, we're kind of like Whitney Houston — believe the children are future — and no one has proven us wrong on that one yet!

THE BULL'S EYE by RICK PARKER



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...TOUGH BREAK, JAKE...
"WE ALL KNEW YOU TWO WERE CLOSE... TOWARDS THE END..."
KERRY DOWENN
WHO DID THIS TO HER, CHIEF...?
WELL, WHETHER HE ACTUALLY MURDERED HER OR NOT... HER DEATH IS DEFINITELY CONNECTED WITH THE PUNISHER.
...MAYBE KERRY GOT TOO CLOSE TO HIS REAL IDENTITY... AND HE HAD TO SILENCE HER...
WHATEVER REALLY HAPPENED... I GUESS AT THE END OF THE DAY...
"...IT WAS THE PUNISHER WHO KILLED HER."

AN EXTRAORDINARY NIGHT OF VIOLENCE HERE IN NEW YORK... THE PUNISHER APPEARED TO BE EVERY-WHERE...
"HERE WE SEE THE PUNISHER DEALING WITH THE NOTORIOUS 'ELVIS RISEN AGAIN' GANG...
NEWS
WE HAVE THESE EXCLUSIVE PICTURES FROM THE PUBLIC EYE...
"SHORTLY AFTER, HE ENTERED A CLUB ON THE EAST SIDE, ALLEGEDLY A FRONT FOR THE CYBER-NOSTRA...
"... AND BRUTALLY MURDERED SEVERAL PROMINENT CITIZENS...
"THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY THE SAVAGE BEATING OF TWO V.R. SALESMEN--- SUPPOSEDLY MEMBERS OF AN ILLEGAL 'TOTAL REALITY' PUSHING RING.

"THE PUNISHER IS NOW TOTALLY OUT OF CONTROL...!"
NEXT:
THE PIECES OF THE PUZZLE!

TARGET PRACTICE

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Out Of My Head

So normally, I'd just be here happy as a clam to be alive and all, just tickled pink to be here workin' for y'all and everything, but I'm just sick to death about these rumors that have got back to me.

Because there's no cool way to answer a rumor, really. You just give it more credence when you even *mention* it. That's the common wisdom.

Leave it to me to fly in the face of said wisdom. Let me put it this way. If some necktie-wearin', blender-sellin' emcee refugee from a game show who isn't even hip enough to be on a *network* or nothin' tells you that one of my books, one of *my books*, that begins with "R" and ends with "avage," has been canceled, *don't you believe it!* The new team of Mills, Skinner, Miehm and Williams has generated more fan mail than ever before, and is *still* wildly popular.

Who says the truth hurts?

Dear Joey and Matt,

I was planning on writing to PUNISHER 2099 last issue, but a serious case of lateness killed those plans. Yet #7 just brought up more strange and exciting things to write about. This title is always the one I read with trepidation, only because I lost interest in the modern day Punisher titles. PUNISHER 2099 has a whole new character, exploring new possibilities.

Pat Mills and Tony Skinner know what they're doing. Unlike Frank Castle, Jake Gallows hasn't been defined by anybody else, thus character changes are ripe. The feminine wiles of Kerry Dowenn might be a clue that Jake's stone wall separating himself from any possible relationships might be tumblin' down. Jake needs this to balance his character and prevent him from falling too far over the edge. (A great letters page topic of discussion! Any other thoughts?) I agree with that point of view. Jake Gallows is disturbed, but as Kerry points out, not beyond help. Jake needs someone to confide in besides Matt Axel, someone to lean on in times of need. Kerry Dowenn is assuredly that person. She's become Lois Lane to Jake's Superman—except Jake skipped the fifty years of falsehoods to cover his identity. This is the 90's, the 2090's, anyway.

Tom Morgan and Jimmy Palmiotti did a fine job on the interior art. Tom's rendition of Jake being surprised on page 17 was hilarious. Both artists show a lot of expression in the characters—vital to this title's future.

Finally, one reader brought up time travel. I'm normally against these things, but a future crossover might be wonderful. But instead of jolting the Marvel heroes into 2099, why not have the 2099 folks travel back to the 1990's to stop a disaster from happening. Nah, that's too cliche. Both the 1990's and 2090's creative teams should join in. Some talents I think would do a nice job: J.M. Dematteis (the only choice to handle a character's angst and anger) and Peter David (the humor and action) for writers and Tom Morgan and Paul Ryan on artwork.

I'd like to revise something from a letter in issue #7: instead of "don't change a thing," let's change everything!

Joey Marchese
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We don't know if we should change "everything," Joey, but what do you think of the "change" we made with Kerry?

Target Practice,

I must say I am very surprised. I didn't think Mr. Gallows' secret would be revealed to anyone (besides Matt) for a long time. It's a really gutsy move on your part. Although you'll probably have to kill Kerry next issue. I mean let's face it, Frank Castle hasn't exactly had much luck with women. Every woman he's been intimate with has bit the dust. It only seems logical that Jake Gallows would have the same luck.

I am really pleased with this book. Each issue has been better than the last. I would, however, like to see this Punisher outside of his city. I mean there's a lot of people in 2099 who need punishing. But I realize Mr. Gallows doesn't have the luxury of being considered dead like Frank Castle. Gallows still has a job to go to. Still, it would be nice to see him in another locale, and maybe with another 2099 hero.

This book has fast become my favorite 2099 title. Spidey's a close second and Doom (which was my first) has dropped to third, what with all that cyberspace stuff. I can't wait to see if Kerry gets killed next issue!

Mike Kaledas
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Your crystal ball was definitely tuned to the right channel, Mike. Now don't use it again or you'll ruin the cool surprises we've got coming up!

Dear Joey and Matt,

With all the budget cuts my comic book collecting has suffered, the 2099 titles are the only Marvel titles I still collect. I can't wait for X-MEN 2099, so I can get *very* up to date on my favorite Marvel mutant group.

About the "new versions of old characters" debate: the most important thing to remember is that, at least to start, we must look at the society of 2099. The common folk look toward the heroes and villains of the heroic age for inspiration, in normal daily life, or, in the case of the heroes and villains now showing up, in their chosen lives. Therefore, even though their powers or situations may not come about in the same manner as the originals, it would be safe to assume that these superhumans would look to the past for inspiration when searching for a name. Of course, as the super-powered movement progresses, there would eventually come more originality, but as a beginning, the reworked hero/villain method certainly makes sense.

Since the "present-day" Marvel universe is still progressing, the 2099 universe could, of course, introduce a reworked character who hasn't actually been introduced in the present. It'd be interesting to see a "new" version introduced in 2099, then the original introduced in the present.

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And upstage us?

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There's nothing keeping Jake from the edge now! We feel sorry for next issue's villain...who happens to be Jigsaw 2099! But...you've met him before! How? You'll see!